

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 9-19 and 21 are cancelled, and claims 22-28 are added. Claims 1-8 and 20 remain in this application as amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1-8, 20, and 22-28 are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

In the Office Action, claims 1-9 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Klug (U.S. Patent No. 6,823,327). Applicant submits that the claims are patentably distinguishable over Klug.

For example, Claim 1 as amended defines an information processing apparatus that includes:

generation source identifier storage means for storing a generation source identifier that is associated with said information processing apparatus and which identifies said information processing apparatus as generation source of the user identifier, the generation source identifier being assigned to said information processing apparatus by an apparatus that is external to said information processing apparatus and being received from the external apparatus; and

transmitting means for transmitting the user identifier and the generation source identifier to the terminal device so that when the terminal device attempts to access the external apparatus by sending thereto the user identifier and the generation source identifier, the external apparatus is able to identify the generation source of the user identifier using the generation source identifier. (Emphasis added.)

The sections of Klug that Examiner relies on do not disclose or suggest a generation source identifier assigned to an information processing apparatus by an apparatus that is external to the information processing apparatus, do not disclose or suggest that a generation source identifier assigned to an information processing apparatus by an external apparatus is received from the external apparatus, do not disclose or suggest transmitting a generation source identifier assigned to

an information processing apparatus by an external apparatus to a terminal device, and do not disclose or suggest that an external apparatus is able to identify the generation source of a user identifier using a generation source identifier assigned to an information processing apparatus by an external apparatus.

Rather, the relied-on sections of Klug describe a registration web site that stores user registration information so that when a user seeks to register at a third party web site and the user responds to a form that is sent by the third party web site which asks the user whether the third party web site is to use the registration web site to obtain the user's registration information, the third party web site requests the user registration information from the registration web site. (See col.9 ll.44-56 and 60-66.) The relied-on sections of Klug, however, do not disclose or suggest an identifier assigned to the registration web site by the third party web site, do not disclose or suggest that the registration web site receives an identifier assigned to the registration web site by the third party web site from the third party web site, do not disclose or suggest that the registration web site transmits an identifier assigned to the registration web site by the third party web site to a terminal device, and do not disclose or suggest that the third party web site is able to identify the generation source of a user identifier, i.e., identify the registration web site, using an identifier assigned to the registration web site by the third party web site.

The relied-on sections of Klug describe a common user ID and a common password that a user provides when registering at a new web site. (See col.2 ll.13-17 and 37-43.) However, the relied-on sections of Klug do not disclose or suggest that the common user ID or the common password is assigned to the registration web site by the new web site, do not disclose or suggest that the registration web site receives a common user ID

or a common password assigned to the registration web site by the new web site from the new web site, do not disclose or suggest that the registration web site transmits a common user ID or a common password assigned to the registration web site by the third party web site to a terminal device, and do not disclose or suggest that that the new web site is able to identify the generation source of a user identifier, i.e., identify the registration web site, using a common user ID or a common password assigned to the registration web site by the new web site.

It follows that the relied-on sections of Klug neither disclose nor suggest the combination set out in claim 1 and therefore do not anticipate the claim.

Claims 2-8 depend from claim 1 and are distinguishable over the cited art for at the same reasons.

Independent claim 20 includes limitations similar to those of claim 1. Therefore claim 20 is patentably distinguishable over Klug for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

New claims 22-28 depend from claim 21 and are distinguishable over the cited reference for at the same reasons. The limitations set out in claims 22-28 are analogous to those set out in claims 2-8, respectively, and are similarly supported.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in

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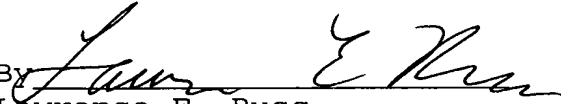
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order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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